

Senator CLARK. We have probably the largest single Federal development under land and water conservation anywhere in the United States. I am referring to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where expenditures of 7,857-odd-thousand dollars have been authorized, in large part for land acquisition.

You gentlemen know that that dam being constructed at Tock's Island will, in addition to providing for the all-purpose control of the waters of the Delaware River, provide one of the most magnificent recreation areas in the world. I won't attempt to give the number, but there are more people living within 200 miles of the Tock's Island Recreation Area than any other wild area or national park or national forest in the United States. This property, when developed, will give inestimable benefits in terms of open-air recreation, boating, and the like—more than any area of the sort in the country.

As the chairman and other members of the committee know, we are vexed with the problem of land speculation. The sooner after organization we can acquire this land, the cheaper we will get it. I have no immediate answer to the problem of land speculation. It might require a constitutional amendment, but it is frightening the way the land goes up after Congress expresses its intention to provide for these wonderful flood-control, all-purpose water utilization and recreation projects.

It might surprise some of you, although possibly not the members of this committee, to know that we have the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania, which abuts on a dam which I had the honor of dedicating last year. This is another magnificent recreation area in the northwest portion of our State. And this has an authorization of \$626,000, under this program, to improve its recreational facilities along the edge of the lake created by the dam.

So much, Mr. Chairman, for what I have to say on this bill.

It is now my very great pleasure to introduce the Honorable Leonard Staisey, the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Allegheny County, to the members of this committee.

Commissioner Staisey has been in office less than 2 months. He was elected to his position in Allegheny County last fall, having served with distinction in the State Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having been the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the 1966 gubernatorial election. I may add for the benefit of six politicians that Mr. Staisey ran a couple of hundred thousand ahead of our candidate for Governor.

He is going to talk to you not only in his capacity as chairman of the board of county commissioners but also as vice chairman of the committee on the National Association of Counties, for the area of recreation and open-space acquisitions.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce one of the real young vibrant leaders in Pennsylvania politics, recognized as such by members of both parties. I think what he will have to say will be of great interest to the committee.

If the members have any questions of me before you attend to Mr. Staisey, I would be happy to respond.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you for a very fine statement. And we will be delighted to hear from Mr. Staisey at this time.